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NOV. 1st. – New Day Associates, 2ND ANNUAL HYPE HAIR MAGAZINE NATURAL BEAUTY CONTEST, 11th Annual International Designs at Sheraton Hotel, 128 Frontage Road, Newark, NJ. Doors open 5:00 pm

NOV. 1st. –Unity Breakfast honoring Congressman Donald Payne, Mayor Sharpe James State Senator Dr. Wynona Lipman and KENNETH A. GIBSON Candidate for Essex County Executive. Robert Treat Hotel Ballroom 9:00 am.

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Oops! We made a big mistake last issue – Irvington's new police director name is Deputy Chief Robert K. Rankin Jr. *(not Charles)* His climb to one of the top spots was well earned... from Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain Inspector, and Deputy Chief in the Newark Police Dept. to Police Director of Irvington, we wish him the best.

POLLY TICKS...

COMMENTARY

"A SNAKE BY ANY OTHER NAME IS STILL A SNAKE" (PROVERB)

Since when does the Republican Party care about black folks? Remember these are the same people who are against:

1. Affirmative Action Programs
2. School Lunch Programs for poor children
3. Abortion Rights for poor women
4. Aid for cities.

– DON'T BE FOOLED –

Jim Treffinger is a **Republican** he tries to hide it, but he is a **Republican** and like his friend Newt Gingrich, he believes that government (Essex County Government) **should not be** in the business of helping poor people.

He **does not** believe that Essex County should be in the business of repairing and cleaning county roads that run through urban areas like Newark, East Orange, Irvington, or Orange.

He **does not** believe that Essex County should be in the business of educating our children, so he severely under funds Essex County College and the Essex County Vocational high schools.

He **does not** believe that Essex County should be in the business of providing job training and employment for minority county residents, so this Republican squanders the federal employment and training funds on "sweetheart" deals.

He **does not** believes in affirmative action, like Newt Gingrich, check his record; minorities make up over sixty percent of Essex County's population, but have less than fifteen percent of Essex County jobs. The entire minority community of Essex County (Blacks, Latinos. Haitians, Jamaicans, Indians, Asians, and Women, etc.) receive **less** than one percent (1% of all county contracts for goods and services – THE REPUBLICAN PHILOSOPHY AGAIN!

REPUBLICAN Treffinger is selling as many county assets as he can get away with:

- He sold the county geriatrics hospital in Belleville – the senior citizens who were patients there were thrown out.
- He closed down the county jail in North Caldwell.
- He is closing down the county mental hospital in Cedar Grove.
- He tried and will try again to sell the three county golf courses.
- He closed down Turtle Back Zoo – but was forced to re-open it.
- He refuses to properly clean county roads: Central, Park, Springfield, Chancellor, or Lyons Avenues.
- Maintenance of County Parks has been a disgrace for nearly four years: Branch Brook, Weequahic, Irvington, Ivy Hill, West Side, Orange, and Vailsburg Parks are all filthy. Why is Verona Park the only clean park in Essex County? Because the County Executive lives in Verona!

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WASHINGTON, DC – President Clinton shows his support, on board U.S. Rep. (10th Dist.) Donald Payne's excursion boat, the *"Spirit of Washington,"* along our Mayor Sharpe James.

Photo by Asbury Park Councilman, John Hamilton

"THE MOVERS AND SHAKERS"

This column highlights a person from the community who has made, is making, or, in the opinion of our staff, will soon be making an important contribution to the quality of life of the residents of the Greater Essex County area.

Community Activist/Legislator

SANDRA A. HARTE

SANDRA HARTE is a native of Georgetown, Gūyana, a city and country located on the northeastern coast of South America.

Guyana is a small country, in area, roughly the size of the state of Minnesota (83,000 sq. mi.) with a total population of less than 800,000 people. While the country lacks the material wealth of the United States, it is a country steeped in moral and spiritual values with a rich tradition of helping family and neighbors.

There is no doubt that Sandra Harte was affected, in a very positive way, by being raised in such an environment.

Early on, Sandra showed her potential leadership ability and willingness to help her neighbors.

At age seventeen, Ms. Harte received a defunct Cub Scout Troop for the Transfiguration Church in Georgetown, thereby providing meaningful activities for more than fifth children.

Sandra joined the Trade Union Youth Movement – an organization dedicated to preparing 16-18 year old Guyanese youth for public service careers – where she distinguished herself as a young person with "the right stuff."

In 1972, Sandra migrated to the United States bringing with her a great deal of determination, pride, and ambition. Residing first in Queens, New York, and then Newark, New Jersey. Ms. Harte has always done things according to her own "master plan and schedule" set about preparing for life in America and taking advantage of the opportunities that this great country offers to all of its citizens.

Right on schedule, Sandra enrolled in, and graduated from Essex County College, with a degree in Business Administration. Her next step was Rutgers University from where she received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Management.

– NOT BAD FOR AN IMMIGRANT –

Since 1974, Sandra has been employed by the Metropolitan Life insurance Company as a Systems Engineer. Moving to Irvington, New Jersey, in 1983, Sandra Harte launched into a spirit of community-activism, the likes of which is rarely seen today.

Ms. Harte does not believe in substituting words for action and she finds herself often in the forefront of activities that enhance the lives of her neighbors. She really believes that we are our brother's keeper.

As if she did not have enough to do – Democratic District Leader, Block Association President, Vice-Chair United Caribbean African Alliance, founder of the Guyanese Association of New Jersey, former member of the Irvington Board of Education, and Business Teacher, Irvington Evening School – Sandra was elected, on May 12, 1998, to a seat on the Irvington Municipal Council.

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EMMA WALLER, 77
pillar of church
She was among the group that formed Metropolitan Baptist Church, one of the largest and most respected churches in Newark. "She was always proud of that," Mr. Waller said. "When we started out, there weren't many members." Mrs. Waller worked at the health office at the main branch of the Newark Post Office for 31 years before retiring in 1976.

THOMAS ALSTON, 75
generous entrepreneur
He opened the BB Que Pit on Avon Avenue in 1959 and the first Chicken Shack operation a year later on the same block. He also owned a deli, bar and liquor store and opened the second Chicken Shack on Clinton Avenue in 1967. The same year he renovated the run-down apartment building to house needy families. "He loved people," said his wife, Betty Alston. "If he could do you a favor, he would. He was a man with an open heart and an open hand." He donated whatever was needed in the South Ward neighborhood. He sponsored a Little League team – The Chicken Shack Players – and provided clothing, food and money to support programs run by UCC. His community support earned him commendations from Mayor Sharpe James and former Mayor Kenneth Gibson.

LENWOOD McLAURIN, 68
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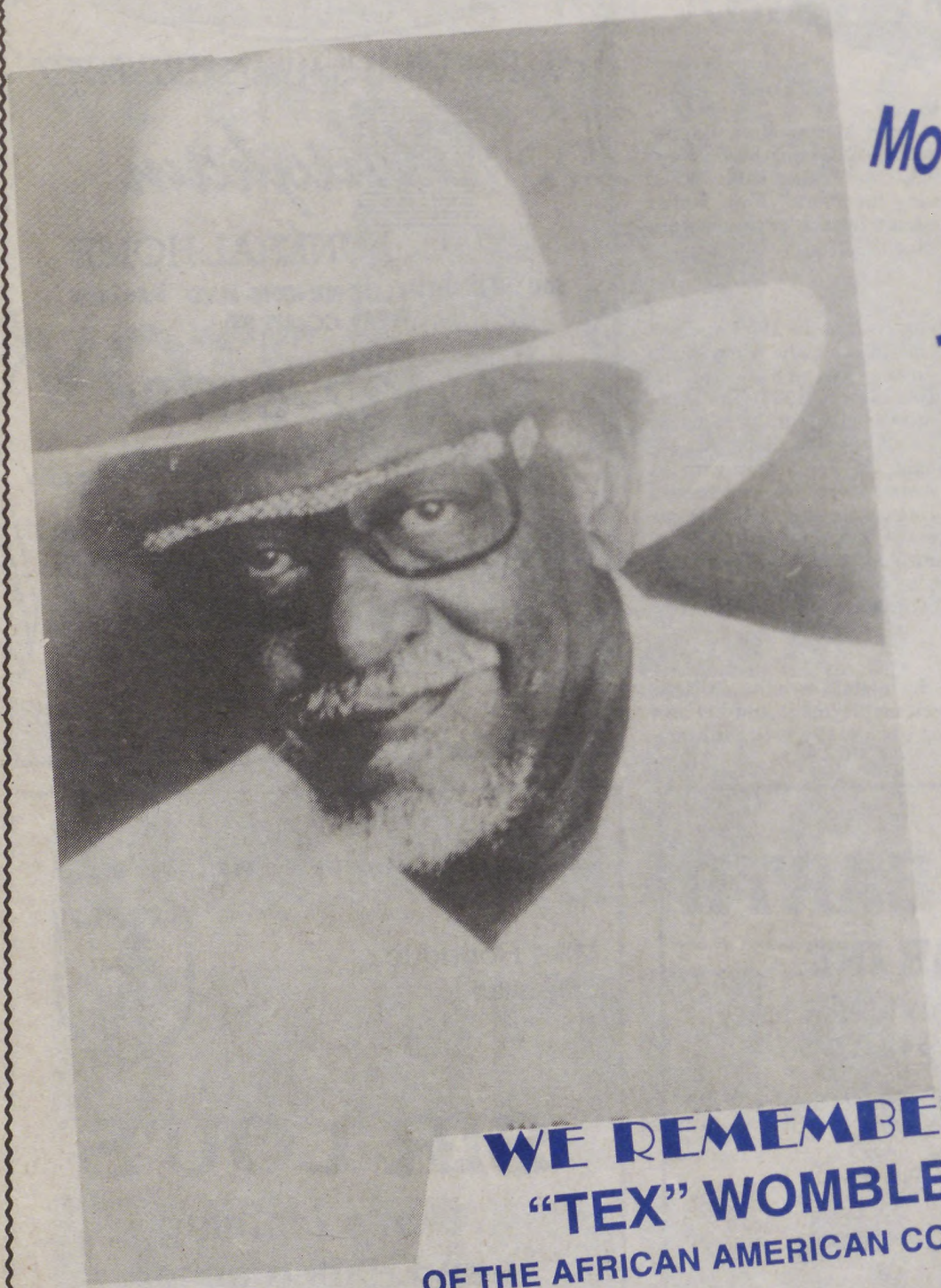

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AFTER HOURS AFTER HOURS...

This column mourns the death of **Betty Carter**, because she was a jazz trouper. We like the way **WBGO** respects the pass of our greats... When **Wendel Wilson** arrived in town weeks ago everybody had a ball, he lives in Florida. Wendel's son the basketball star plays in Italy... **Mary Wilson**, the songbird of *Mo'town* fame, earns close to a million dollars a year, solo... **Congressman John Lewis'** book *"Walking with the Wind"* for sale now, call 973-761-6997.... Sorry I missed the retirement dinner dance for **Mozelle Hicks**. The affair was given by her two daughters at **Nuno's Pavilion** in Linden, NJ... **Jimmy McGriff** still draws in the most shapely ladies to his jazz and blues sessions (smiles) at the **Priory**... Heard that **Louella Foote** of New Brunswick was partying in Newark, NJ... **Elliot Parmer's** birthday party at the **Paradise** a bash-a-roo – smiles... **Mrs. D's** sidewalk cafe is something new in Newark. T'was great during the warm weather with music and jazz... Sorry to hear about the closing of the *Peppermint Lounge* – we hope that it will be re-opened soon... Happy birthday to **Jack Clark**, once the owner of the old *California Restaurant* on Springfield Ave. in Newark, NJ That was the place where all night lifers ended upon Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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STRICTLY JAZZ

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The history of the *Playbill* is indeed noteworthy. It had jazz inside its walls longer (sometimes much longer) than some other establishments.

I recall that just about all the combos that played at the *Key Club*, at one time or another, also played at the *Playbill* . For many, many years the *Playbill* offered a steady "tasty" diet of the finest of jazz artists like the *Key Club*, the artists performed behind the bar and it was quite intimate as the patrons could reach out (if they had long arms – smiles) and touch the artists.

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I'm going to segue from the *Playbill Club* to an artist who will always hold a special place deep within my heart and soul. He is the late great **Bill Elliott**. Billy was so flamboyant and unassuming as a musician that sometimes people did not recognize his superb musicianship.

I don't mean to leave you "hanging" but I promise to elaborate on this unforgettable person in a later column.

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